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PROMOTION OF HOMEOPATHY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to launch a national campaign to promote Homeopathy in the country, particularly for mother and child care;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether India has the largest number of Homeopathic practitioners and also the largest turnover of Homeopathic medicines;

(e) if so, whether homeopathic medical colleges and the services of the physicians are being properly utilized in various national health programmes;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b)&(c) The Department of AYUSH has launched a National Campaign on Homeopathy for Mother and Child Care. The campaign was kick started by a National Workshop organized from 5th − 6th November, 2007 at New Delhi. A total of 293 delegates from India and abroad, including Health administrators and policy makers, allopathic physicians and homeopathic physicians participated in the workshop. Representatives of the homeopathic pharma industry and NGOs also participated. Based on the deliberations at the workshop, recommendations have been made about the manner in which the national campaign should be conducted. The campaign is to now move to State and District level.

(d) Yes Sir. India has the largest number of registered Homeopathic practitioners. The annual sales of homeopathic medicines in India are estimated to be around Rs.500.00 crores including the imports.

(e)&(f) Homeopathy has its own strengths as a medical system and these strengths are utilized in the National Health Programmes relating to malaria, maternal and child health, mental health and HIV/AIDS. The mainstreaming of AYUSH systems is one of the objectives of the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM). The setting up of Homeopathic infrastructure and the creation of posts of Homeopathy physicians is being done under the NRHM.

(g) Does not arise.